PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKETING DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

DOCKET NO. 2008-196-E

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY – COMBINED APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATABILITY AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND FOR A BASE LOAD REVIEW ORDER

On May 30, 2008, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or "Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") requesting that the Commission issue a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity and for a Base Load Review Order authorizing SCE&G to construct and operate a two (2), 1,117 net megawatt nuclear facility to be located at the Virgil C. Summer Nuclear Station site ("Summer Station") near Jenkinsville, South Carolina. The Application was filed pursuant to the provisions of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-33-10 *et seq.* (1976, as amended); the Base Load Review Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-33-210 *et seq.* (1976, as amended).

SCE&G states in the Application that in order to meet the growing demands and needs of its customers for electric power, to support the continued economic development and prosperity of the State of South Carolina, and to maintain the reliability of its electric system, the Company plans to construct two nuclear generating units, namely, AP1000 Advanced Passive Safety Power Plants ("AP1000"), located near Jenkinsville, South Carolina and approximately one (1) mile from Summer Station Unit 1. The AP1000 units, identified in the Application as Unit 2 and Unit 3, and associated facilities will be jointly owned by SCE&G and the South Carolina Public Service Authority. According to the Application, the AP1000 represents an advanced nuclear generating design that has been approved and certified by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Moreover, the Company states that the AP1000 units and associated facilities will be constructed by a consortium consisting of Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC and Stone & Webster, Inc. SCE&G anticipates that AP1000 Unit 2 and Unit 3 will become operational in 2016 and 2019, respectively.

SCE&G further requests in its Application authorization to revise its current schedules of electric rates and charges to add the incremental revenue requirements associated with Construction Work In Progress resulting from the Company's investment in the nuclear generating facilities described above during construction. The Company requests that the proposed increases be effective beginning March 2009. The proposed average increase to the residential class is 0.52%; small general service class is 0.48%; medium general service class is 0.51%; and large general service class is 0.44%. Amount and percentage increases vary by rate schedules within these classes, and individual customer bill increases may also vary depending upon actual usage patterns and amount of consumption. Additionally, basic facilities charges are subject to change.

A copy of the Company's complete Application may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docketing Department, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and is available from the corporate office of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company at 1426 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company Docket No. 2008-196-E Page 2

In order to receive testimony and evidence from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina beginning on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. and continuing through Friday, October 31, 2008, if necessary.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record with the right of cross-examination should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 20, 2008**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 2008-196-E*.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff at 1441 Main Street, Suite 300, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, and K. Chad Burgess, Senior Counsel, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, 1426 Main Street, Mail Code 130, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, on or before **August 20, 2008,** and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. *Please refer to Docket No. 2008-196-E.*

Any person, who wishes to be notified of the hearing, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Docketing Department, in writing, at the address below on or before **August 20, 2008**. *Please refer to Docket No. 2008-196-E*.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding <u>MUST</u> present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission in Columbia at 803-896-5100.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

6/18/08 Revised